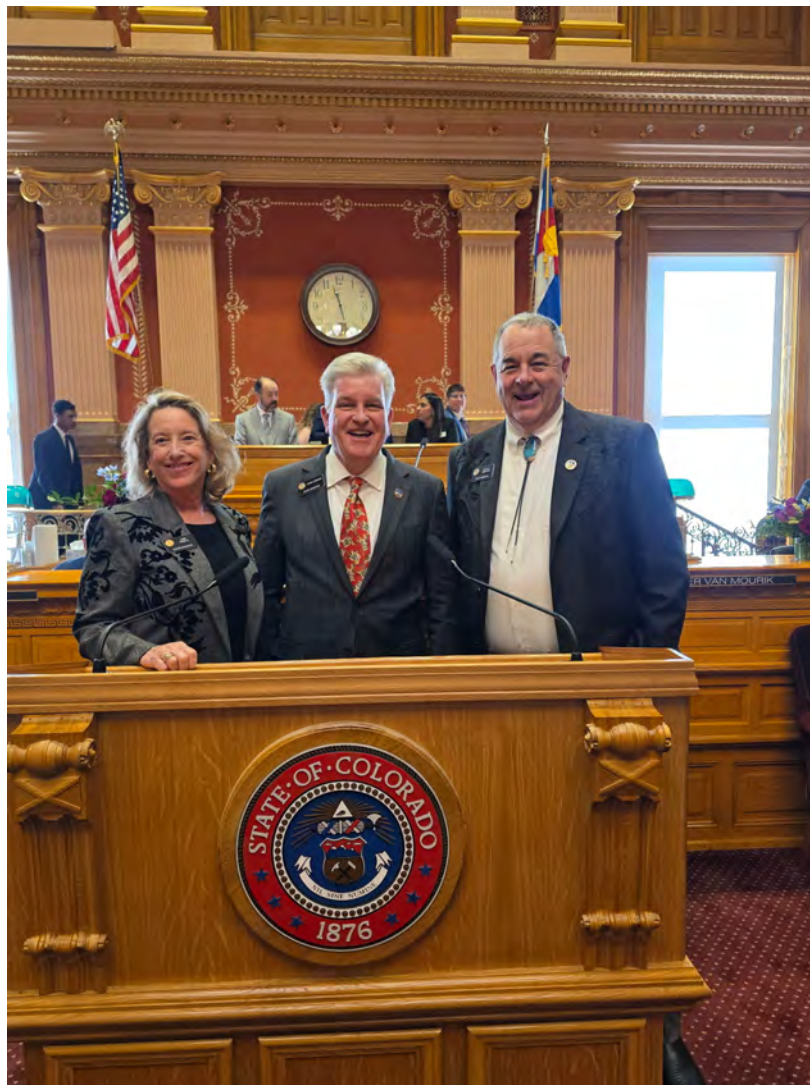


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2026 Legislative Session

Week One: Kick-Off



The session has officially started, and I am honored

*to be a member of Colorado's 75th General Assembly.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as State
Senator, and I am looking forward to this new
opportunity to create meaningful legislation. Serving
the people of Senate District 2 is my pleasure and
privilege!*



Incredibly humbled and honored to have received the Colorado Chamber of Commerce' highest award!

The State of the State

Governor Polis delivered his final State of the State address on the second day of session. His speech greatly resembled last years; with references to Taylor Swift and a variety of other pop culture archetypes. What I was most struck by was the vast difference in his characterization of the state of our State, and the reality experienced by citizens, the business community and our local governments.

The Governor spoke about the improvements that have been made with affordability issues, despite the continued increase in costs here in Colorado. I was disappointed that the Governor gave big props to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation (DCOT), Shoshana Lew, and didn't acknowledge the dire condition of our transportation infrastructure. This is an issue that my constituents feel is pressing -and from poorly kept roads, to swelling traffic jams and collisions, our money isn't being efficiently managed.

The curious comparison of American healthcare practices to that of foreign countries was nothing more than an introduction to the Governor's ongoing efforts to force a socialized medicine on the citizens of Colorado. He offered no practical applications for how to decrease costs, other than for the State to manage our healthcare system. This is going to be a very big conversation this session, so please stay tuned.

The Governor's speech lasted an hour and a half and so I've attached a link to his speech [here](#).



The week before session, I gladly attended the Legislative Kick-Off breakfast hosted by the South Metro Denver Chamber where my colleagues and I discussed priorities for 2026.



Last week's Legislative Preview hosted by the Douglas County Business Alliance



What's Next?

I am excited to take on another full plate of bill sponsorships for this session. I will continue to fight to ensure that social media companies are responsive to warrants in a timely manner, and that law enforcement has the tools they need to investigate crime. This year I will also be focused on child welfare, education, healthcare, and district-related issues. More details on all of my bills will be shared as the session unfolds -please stay in touch for updates!

Candidate Support

Over the interim, and in my role of Assistant Minority Leader, one of my main focuses has been supporting the election and re-election of Republican legislators in Colorado. The majority party holds 23 of the 35 seats in the Senate, and Coloradans desperately need more balance in the policies coming from the Capitol. If you are interested in helping out with this effort, please contact me directly and I'll put you in touch with the campaigns.

Colorado Senate Republicans Press Conference



Committee Assignments

For the 2026 Session, I will be serving on three committees of reference, as well as three year-round committees

- [Education](#): I will be joining a new committee this year! The Senate Education Committee considers matters concerning K-12 public schools and higher education, they have legislative oversight responsibility for the Departments of Education and Higher Education. Meetings are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30pm and Tuesdays upon adjournment.
- [Finance](#): Once again, I will be a member of the Senate Finance Committee. We have legislative oversight responsibility for the Public Employee's Retirement Association, Department of Revenue, State Treasury, and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 2pm, and Thursdays upon adjournment.
- [Health and Human Services](#): I will be joining HHS again this session as well. This committee has legislative oversight responsibility for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Department of Human Services, and the Department of Public Health and Environment. Meetings are held Wednesdays upon adjournment,

and Thursdays at 1:30pm.

- [Committee on Legal Services](#): This year-round committee has legislative oversight for the Office of Legislative Legal Services and oversees review of executive branch agency rules. Our next meeting will be on January 22nd at 8am, and I will be serving as the Vice Chair.
- [Legislative Audit Committee](#): I will be serving as Chair of LAC this session. This committee reviews and releases audit reports, and recommends special studies. Our next meeting will be on January 21st at 8am.
- [Legislative Council](#): I will be joining this legislative oversight committee for the Legislative Council Staff, responsible for approving the budget, reviewing legislation created during the interim, and reviewing the ballot information booklet created by LCS. Our next meeting will be on March 13th at 7:30am.



Minority Leader Cleave Simpson and I on the floor opening day!

Senate Action

Additionally, some of the first bills introduced into the Senate indicate the majority party's harmful policy agenda that will negatively impact Colorado.

- **Workforce Housing & Housing Tax Credit ([SB26-001](#))**
 - This bill allows county commissioners to use revenue from ad valorem taxes towards funding for housing and allows a middle-income housing tax credit transfer to government without owning interest in a qualified project.
- **Energy Affordability ([SB26-002](#))**
 - This will create a first allotment of residential service program (FARE) which will provide a minimum level of electricity at a marginal cost rate for income-qualified users.
- **End-of-Life Management of Electric Vehicle Batteries ([SB26-003](#))**
 - An extension of the Battery Stewardship Act to include the management of dead propulsion batteries, requiring organizations to plan care of these batteries regarding disposal.
- **Expand List of Petitioners for Protection Order ([SB26-004](#))**
 - This adds health-care facilities to the available petitioners in court for an extreme risk protection order.
- **Rights Violation in Immigration Enforcement Remedy ([SB26-005](#))**
 - Any person injured during a civil enforcement action by someone who violates the constitution will be liable for legal and equitable relief.
- **Legal Protections for Dignity of Minors ([SB26-018](#))**
 - A revival of the previous sessions HB25-1312. This bill forces courts to consider parental acceptance of gender identity (and other protected classes) when determining parental custody disputes.

Staying Informed

As the session continues, I would like to provide you with some resources to stay informed on what is happening at the Capitol. To watch current or previous debates on the floor of the House or Senate, you can visit the Colorado Channel on YouTube. Click [here](#) to watch.

The Colorado General Assembly [website](#) is also a great resource. Some of

the information on this site includes tracking bills, listening to committees, and finding contact information for legislators.

You can always reach out to me and my office through email at lisa.frizell.senate@coleg.gov or by phone at (303) 866-4869 and I will be happy to hear from you!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,



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